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British Colonials Fascinate

Fire Fighter, Saint Honored

A saint and a fireman are subjects to be honored with postage stamps by Portugal according to Gimbel's Stamp Department of New York City.



St. Martin of Dume is said to have arrived on the Iberian Peninsula, on which Portugal is located, 1400 years ago, and it is this arrival which was commemorated on February 26 with a set of two. A rather primitive type of art by Manuel Lapa was chosen for the design common to both stamps. The saint is pictured in the robes of a bishop.

Denominations are 1 and 3.50 Escudos.



Gulherme Gomes Fernandes, organizer and commissioner of the fire department in Porto, is pictured in the designs of 1 and 2.30 Escudo values. These are to be issued on March 28.

Alaskans Invite Visitors To Show

All collectors are invited to the first Alaskan Philatelic Exhibition Friday April 24 at the YMCA Anchorage, Alaska. The show is staged under the sponsorship of the Anchorage Philatelic Society.

In connection with the event, the club is sponsoring a cacheted cover which sells at 25¢ per copy. Orders accompanied with the names and addresses to be placed on the envelopes, and payments are to be sent to C. R. Snider, 814 12th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska. Airmail is suggested (6¢) since surface mail will not arrive in time.

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FIRST DAY OF ISSUE TODAY, MARCH 2. For the 100th anniversary of the organization of the Washington Territory the Post Office Department produced the rather scenic production above in a green color. There are to be 110 million of them in panes of fifty. The first day city is the present State of Washington's capital, Olympia.

The Irish Republican Army Labels, Items Which Nearly Became Stamps In The '20's

Neil Stack

When Censorship was adopted by the I. R. A. (Irish Republican Army) in 1921-22, their hand stamp marks and labels appeared. The I. R. A. labels which nearly became stamps, hold an interesting story behind them. Few people realize how completely Cork was cut off from the rest of Ireland while the Irish Republican Army was in control of the country south of the line from Limerick to Waterford.

The only means of railway service between the cities of Dublin and Cork was via Mallow Junction, 21 miles to the north of Cork. This junction had been partially destroyed but when the bridge to the south of Mallow was blown up in July of 1922, the rail traffic between the two cities was practically paralyzed.

Passengers from Dublin were forced to leave the train at Mallow Junction and hire a private conveyance at 2 shillings per head (the seemingly prevailing union rate) and proceed to Mallow Junction South, a temporary station erected south of the destroyed bridge, before continuing their trip to Cork.



One of the I.R.A. labels. The 1d was brown, the 2d green and the 6d blue.

From Mallow South, patrols were established about a mile apart along the line. The railway authorities gave them one line of trackage for their exclusive use. Thus, they were able to convey rations and relief parties to various points as emergency dictated. Patrol work was carried out by armored trains on this span of rail and they also escorted the Dublin connection to Cork.

and from the junction in times of danger.

Barbed wire and sandbags were a common sight at that time in Cork; it was a veritable armed camp. Traveling around Cork, the individual began to really sense the notation inscribed on his rail ticket, "Passengers Conveyed at Own Risk Only."

After the withdrawal of the British troops in accordance with the Treaty, only the Free State troops were left to maintain law and order in Cork. It seems that they seceded and only the Irish Republican Army held competent authority during the summer months of 1922.

In July of that year, the stamps in the South ran low and finally gave out completely after they were rationed. It must be remembered that Cork was cut off from Dublin in the struggle between the I. R. A. and the Free State armies and further supplies could not be readily obtained.

To alleviate this situation the Eagle Printing Works in Cork was requested to produce a stamp bearing the head of I. R. A. leader, Pearse. However, technical difficulties rendered this printing impossible.

In order to supply stamps in the existing emergency, the Eagle Works was asked to make a different printing in values of 1d, 2d and 6d. They bore the wording, "An Post, Poblacht na h'Eireann (Postage-Republic of Ireland)."

Still desiring to see the head of Pearse on a postage stamp the I. R. A. then commissioned an agent to London to arrange for the printing. He too, was unsuccessful in his mission and was reported to have been arrested.

Arrangements were made early (Continued on page 8)

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ting of any sort, but they have a special pertinence with regard to British Colonials.

Especially important to the beginner, regardless of age, is how much he can and wants to spend on his hobby. In this respect, the beginner can make no mistake in deciding to collect British Colonials, for these stamps will certainly provide the utmost of enjoyment for the minimum of expense.

The most desirable goal in a collection of any kind is to acquire as many as possible of the things collected; or better still, to make a complete collection. This is a very significant reason for selecting the smaller British Colonies.

At nominal expense, the beginner can complete several smaller colonies; and at medium expense, some of the larger colonies. (The terms "smaller" and "larger" are not used with respect to the status of the colonies in the British Empire, or with respect to their physical size — rather, the terms are here to denote the numbers of stamps issued).

To illustrate the above point let's take a passing glance at Tokelau Islands (a dependency of New Zealand) and Norfolk Island (an Australian dependency).

Tokelau Islands has thus far issued only three stamps. A complete collection of this country can be had for only 10 cents — in either mint or used condition. But that's not all. A complete collection — mint, used and on cover — would cost only about 30 cents!

Norfolk Island has issued only one definitive series consisting of 12 stamps. Here, again, the cost is very slight. A complete collection of this country would cost approximately one dollar and seventy-five cents. Naturally, these are extreme examples, but it does show what is possible for the beginning collector.

The above examples are indicative of a very good reason for collecting British Colonials. The reason is simply that many of the smaller colonies have issued very small quantities of stamps. For the most part, the number of stamps issued by several colonies fall short of one hundred, or just above that figure. This gives the beginner an (Continued on page 8)

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Japan Reveals Stamp Schedule

A modest, considering past years, stamp program has been announced by the Japanese Postal Administration for 1953. This of course can receive numerous additions as the occasions arise.

The first commemorative is due March 25 when a 10 yen will picture the first electric light, an arc-light, in Japan. The event will be the 75th Anniversary of the Electric Lamp in Japan.

Printing is by photogravure after a design by Minoru Hisano in sheets of 20 stamps (4 x 5). The color is yet to be chosen.

In June the Crown Prince will make a tour overseas, principally to Europe where he will be present for the Coronation of England's Queen Elizabeth II. For this good will tour the Japanese government will produce a set of two stamps in denominations of 5 and 10 yen.

A design contest open to all artists of the nation for these stamps will close March 10. Winner will receive 100,000 yen, the runner-up 10,000.

In October will be seen stamps for the 8th Athletic Meet. Additions to the Sightseeing and National Parks series will come in May, Kintai Bridge; July Shikotsu-Toya National Park; September Unzen National Park; and October Ise-Shima National Park.

If past policy holds, the National Parks will have four stamps and a souvenir sheet for each.

Changes in the designs of regulars are to take place for the 2, 5, 10, 20, 100 and 500 yen items throughout the year. A new air letter and cards for summer and New Years greetings are proposed items of postal stationery.

Revised Ellis Book More Informative

Five years ago Funk & Wagnalls Co., publisher, New York City brought out Henry Ellis' book "How To Gain Pleasure And Profit From Stamp Collecting". It proved to be one of the most popular items on a philatelic subject ever produced by the firm.

In the past few weeks an enlarged and revised edition of the original Ellis book has appeared under the title, "Stamps For Fun And Profit", with the same firm as publishers and with the touching up by Mr. Ellis.

Basically it is a "how to do it" production which informs the beginner, providing a reasonable amount of guidance as he advances, both in knowledge and experience. There is a fair amount of data for the collector who has been in the hobby a while as well.

Treated are such necessary things as:—historical backgrounds, vocabulary, tools, sources of supply and trade, methods of identification, specifications, varieties. Also included is the latest information about envelopes, covers, postal cards, cancellations and precancels.

The discussion of rare stamps of high value is extensive, and the pitfalls of the phony material are covered fully.

The text is easily read and easily understood a factor which many philatelic books, so-called, do not have because of an attempt to impress with important sounding terms of the hobby.

The 284 pages are bound between cloth covers and are interspersed with informative illustrations. Selling price is \$3.00.

Postal Stationery In Benefit Auction

For a long time there has been a great need for a catalog listing and describing the postal stationery of the world. The lack of a reference book of this type has in the opinion of many been the reason the field has not been taken to more generally by philatelists.

To finance such a catalog, the United Postal Stationery Society is sponsoring a benefit auction. In the 325 lots are material of the United States, Possessions, general foreign and wholesale, all of postal stationery.

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Historical Buildings In Congress Cachet

A historically interesting cachet has been prepared by the 35th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain for its four day session June 9 to 12 at Whitley Bay, Northumberland, England.



Thirty Fifth
Philatelic Congress
of Great Britain
Whitley Bay, June 9-12th 1953

To add to the philatelic value of the covers a special postmark will be applied on each of the four days to mail deposited in a box for such items at the meeting. Four covers will therefore comprise a complete set for the Congress.

A set sent by surface mail will cost 5¢ and by air, \$1.50. Orders and payments are to be sent to J. Sanders, 7 Commercial Rd., Southampton, England. Be sure to print the name and address plainly for the covers.

The top part of the cachet pictures the Lantern Tower of St. Nicholas Cathedral, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. The lower, Durham Cathedral overlooking the River Wear.

January Activity Light At Bureau

Plate numbers on coil stamps are scarce enough items under ordinary conditions when there is a plentiful usage of the printing plate, but when only 63,174 impressions have been made the finding of one becomes a tremendous undertaking.

When the coils are cut from the sheets the plate number is generally trimmed off. If the trimming operation runs a bit off center it is possible and frequently happens that an identifiable part of the plate number remains.

Among the plates cancelled from further use during the month of January is a 5¢ Presidential coil, No. 22022, which had only 63,174 impressions made from it.

Other plates cancelled during January all had good usage obviating possible scarcities. They are:—Presidential 3¢ Nos. 24268, 24359, 24490; Presidential 1¢ Nos. 24008-9; and Presidential 1½¢ 23209-10.

In January only six numbers were assigned to plates for the printing of postage stamps, all of them for the National Guard issue. They are 24745-6-7-8-9-10. All are 200 subject plates.

Plates sent to press and printed from the first time during the month of January are:

Presidential 6¢ regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 24475-6.

Presidential 20¢ regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 24572-3.

Presidential 25¢ regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 24699, 24700.

Iron Ore Country Club Meets Regularly

The first and third Wednesdays of the month members of the Hibbing, Minn. Stamp Collectors Club meet at the Memorial Building at 8 p. m. These sessions are always open to interested persons.

Currently Martin Giavelli is the president; Leroy Clover vice president; Norman Welo treasurer and Conrad B. Peterzen, 2607 Third Ave. East, Hibbing, Minn. secretary.

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Select Designs Of Sao Paulo Set

The winning four designs of a set of commemorative stamps to mark the 400th anniversary of the founding of the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil, have been chosen by a committee established some time ago by the postal administration of that nation.

Designs contain ornate as well as modern abstract art. One of them pictures the founder of the state, Father Jose Achieta, in a rococo frame, a design by Nicola Rosso; a view of the city of Sao Paulo with many of the city's skyscrapers shown and the coat of arms prominently in the center of the picture by Alfredo Rosanis.

A picturesquely symbolic design by Edgard Koetz has a missionary priest, an Indian and a pioneer soldier, all of whom were associated with the progress of the state. The abstract art is the work of Mauricio Nogueira Lima. It represents colonial and modern Sao Paulo.

According to Manoel F. da Motta, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the denominations and the first day of issue have yet to be chosen. It is expected that the release date will be sometime near the opening day of the prolonged celebration planned for Sao Paulo in 1954.

Form Stamp Club In Tarentum, Penna.

In Tarentum, Pa. a number of collectors have banded together to form the Ben Franklin Stamp Club. Regular meetings are being held at various places with a permanent place yet to be selected.

Donald E. Webb was named president at the recent organizational meeting; Mrs. Harry Davidson vice president and John C. Gillespie, 1003 Garfield St., Tarentum, Pa. secretary-treasurer.

Interested persons can contact the secretary for further details.

Toledo Collectors Exhibit In April

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B15-17. .38		B49-52. .39	B81-84. .39	B104.... .49	B124-25. .26	B144.... .15
B18-20. .30		B53-58. .39	B85-88. .39	B105.... .38	B126-29. .39	B145.... .15
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A parcel of some hundreds of George V ½ and 1d British 1911-1912 proofs and essays is seeking a buyer. There are die proofs and plate proofs, thin paper and card specimens and color trials in great variety. They appear to have originated in a backdoor leak going back a full generation.

Collectors, of course, are willing to pay through the nose for such items and individual pieces will doubtless land in albums at from \$1-\$50 each. The asking price for the lot is high.

The Icelandic Philatelic Agency will supply current issues cancelled to order but will not favor-cancel old items no longer valid for postage.

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A full sheet of 60 £1 Leeward Islands King George VI stamps with inverted watermark recently showed up in England. Singles may be had at £45 each — ho hum! They really go for such things in Britain. The reason is twofold — it's a British colonial issue and, probably more important, new issues from outside have entered with only the utmost difficulty ever since 1939 and an awful lot is made of what there is. Here, such an item would hardly evoke a second glance.

Coronation Day covers posted in the royal borough of Windsor, where the royal family lives, will be of particular interest to collectors, and many dealers are arranging to post theirs there rather than in London which will be the common cancellation town.

Reports from Cairo state that an American auction house and a British one have made formal tenders to the Egyptian government covering the marketing of the deposited King Farouk's \$16,000,000 stamp collection. As most readers know, duplicates from this ex-monarch's stamp and coin collections were sold on this side some time back. Two correspondents state that the Egyptian material, including a specialized collection purchased in London some years back but never uncirculated, will probably be retained for the national library, but that the rest will probably be gradually sold by the auction route both in Europe and here to realize the greatest possible returns — the vast accumulation will definitely not be dumped since this would upset the international market.

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Several dealers and an auction house head took me severely to task for suggesting that USA collectors might well peruse offers of French, proof deluxe sheets in French journals where they are regularly offered at a dollar or two instead of falling all over themselves to buy them as supposed rarities at \$15-\$25 each across the counter and at auction here.

OK, OK, if that's the way they feel about it. Readers will, however, be interested to learn that Jacob Habib of 1407 Sheridan Ave., Bronx (56), New York is handling a nice lot of French colonial proof deluxe sheets in complete sets at \$1 a sheet and that he has a list of them out. Monaco, incidentally, will no longer issue either imperforates or proof sheets. Three cheers!!

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Stanley Cohen of Birmingham, England is currently offering mint USA commems and current Canadians well below face in an attention-getting series of ads in British journals. They doubtless originated in a speculator's lot foreclosed upon by some bank and sold for the amount of the loan plus costs to close out the account. That happens fairly frequently and gives alert mailers a good deal. Incidentally, a Boston bank foreclosed on a big Honduran collection offered as collateral some time back and a prominent Boston specialist who learned of it was able to make a "good" buy.

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Recently arrived on the New York market — a substantial parcel of high-value Argentinians with prints and remainders of some 30 varieties of old 19th century Columbian issues, the latter in big blocks

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half several friends and I received were entirely unfit for collection purposes and were thrown into the wastebasket. The aggravating thing was that the Post Office purported to be giving special collector service. If these were special service ones, I hate to think what ordinary drops were like. The answer probably is that facilities were swampy and that, towards the end of the day, nobody gave a whoop anymore.

Here and at UN headquarters, "First Day" cancellations are given over several days until all covers in hand have been decently serviced. That may be absurd on the face of it, using an old date stamp, but anyhow the covers come out in the pink of condition and, as for the actual (not stated) date of cancelling, who knows or cares, the precious official date is there for all to see.

Did you know that the British George V photogravures come in several sizes due to experimentation to permit better perforating? The ½d and 2d come in two sizes and the 1d and 1½d in three. You can have a lot of fun looking for them in contemporary mixtures.

Several readers have written in asking where they could get the Australian coil stamps recently mentioned in this column. I get my own joined pairs and strips of 4 or 6 from F. A. Thornhill of 5 Windsor Ave., Springvale, Victoria, Australia, a charter member of the Australian Stamp Dealers'

Association. He has booklets too. As for bulk mixture, fine for cancellation material, I've had several lots from C. Roberts Smith of Box 5003 G. P. O., Melbourne and L. Aarons & Son, Old Felbridge House, East Grinstead, Sussex, England.

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Stamps Are In Demand

There is ample evidence of this on every side. We see it here at home where we personally meet some of the new young beginners who are very much interested in their stamps. We see it by the unceasing advertisements of dealers in all parts of the United States and abroad who are advertising incessantly to buy good stamps for their trade. It has become a habit in recent years for many American dealers to make annual trips abroad to pick up material for resale over here.

We see it in many other ways and one of these ways is in the renewed activity of a man who in years past supplied stamp departments in many stores clear across the country from New York to the west coast. Due to various reasons this man has not been too active in this business for some years past but now again Arthur Barger of Chicago is on the move and is setting up branches in various cities. His latest started in December when he opened a new stamp department in the Foley Brothers Department store in Houston, Texas. He reports that activity amazed him. The demand for stamps and accessories was enormous. In his own words, from 300 to 500 people approached the new stamp counter every day of the first week in Houston. Mr. Barger opens these departments, stays a week to train the crew and then moves on to other fields. In Houston, Mr. William Machen will manage the new department and doubtless Houston philatelists will appreciate this new outlet.

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Is This A New Ruling

We have always been of the opinion that the U. S. Postal Laws forbade the sending of unsolicited items through the mail for a price. This of course would include stamps. Now we find a news item in our local newspaper which clearly states that . . . "Postal regulations do not prohibit this type of merchandising, unless the unordered goods are sent C.O.D. Then it becomes illegal."

Perhaps quoting the entire clipping which is from United Press of Washington will be the best way to bring this matter to the attention of both collectors and dealers who are concerned. We quote it here and leave your activity to your own judgment.

"WASHINGTON, Jan. 25—(UP)—As far as the postoffice department is concerned, your conscience can be your guide on paying for any unordered merchandise that is sent to you.

Postal regulations don't require recipients of goods they didn't order to pay for or return them, Louis Doyle, acting department solicitor, said today.

Doyle added, however, that some state laws may require return or payment for the goods.

The postoffice receives hundreds of complaints from people who receive unwanted goods through the mails. Received with the items are requests that they send back money or the merchandise.

Postal regulations do not prohibit this type of merchandising, unless the unordered goods are sent c.o.d. Then it becomes illegal.

Most of the goods sent are small and relatively inexpensive, such as neckties, books, handkerchiefs, pens, stamps, and especially, Christmas cards."

Unscrupulous Collectors

Yes, there are perhaps as many of them or even more of them than there are dealers of the same description. That is a natural fact because there are so many more collectors. We mention this because in the past we have chosen to refer to unscrupulous dealers but now a dealer asks why we do not refer to collectors of that type, collectors who do solicit and fail to return approvals etc. This dealer even goes so far to suggest that stamp publications make it a practice to cancel subscriptions of such collectors, just as they might refuse space to dealers of the same type.

Any such practice on the part of a publisher would require proof that might entail endless correspondence between themselves and several different dealers and we can only recommend that all serious dealers join the American Stamp Dealers Association. Through this Association each dealer can report any collector of that type and it should not be a difficult matter then for member dealers to avoid sending merchandise of any kind to those who are not deserving of the liberal methods practiced by most dealers. Dealers who are not big enough to join the others in their trade for mutual protection certainly can not expect others to protect them.

Ain't It The Truth

The old saying about leading a horse to water but not being able to make it drink is just as true as always we have the same situation with our publication.

Here is one of the latest requests we have from a reader. He suggests that we print a list of plate numbers when such new lists are announced by the Government.

That has been our practice for years past. We consider such lists real news and of interest to a very large percentage of our readers but after we do publish such a list we can not come and read it to you, you have got to do that for yourself.

The lists in question were in Column 1 on the front page of the November 3 issue which contained reference to the Newspaperboys plate numbers and others, and then again on December 29 in Column 2 of page 2 we gave the list of the Red Cross numbers and others announced to that date. We are always glad of suggestions for desirable features to carry in this paper, but we can not do more than print them as available.

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The Portugal consists of an overprint in black on the 1951 seal. The design in red, buff and green pictures a flaming torch, a scroll and the letters IANT.



West Germany's is in coil form and quite attractive. It has a red Cross of Lorraine in the upper right, a red candle aglow nested on a Christmas Tree branch, and the wording "Weihnachten 1952."



Tangier's seal pictures a native mother and baby, in red and black on a green background, and the symbol of the organization in the lower right. Attached is a tab with the wording "SOUHAITS FELICIDES."

1953 STAMP PROGRAM

Feb. 23—National Guard 3c, Washington, D. C. (50 per pane, 110 million).

March 2—Ohio Statehood 3c, Chillicothe, Ohio. (70 per pane, 112 million).

March 2—Washington Territorial 3c, Olympia, Wash. (50 per pane, 110 million).

April 30—Louisiana Purchase, St. Louis, Mo.

To obtain First Day Covers collectors can send a reasonable number, each with a name and address, and enclosing a stuffer, to the c/o Postmaster of the designated first day city with a request for first day service. Payment must accompany to cover the face value of the stamps to be affixed to the covers.

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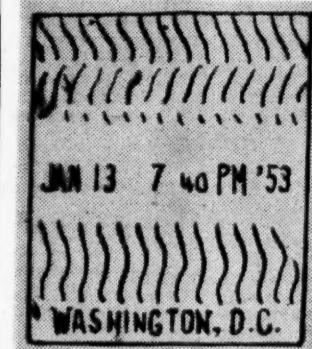
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New Postmarking Device Soon?

Evidence that a new type postmarking device for the cancellation of first class mail is in the experimental stage comes from the Washington, D. C. post office.



It first attracted the attention of A.H. St. Clair of Kansas City, Kansas who submitted it to this paper for comment.

A letter to the postmaster, Washington, D. C. was answered by A. B. Strom, Administrative Assistant to the Postmaster General who wrote, ". . . An experiment is being conducted with a new type of cancelling device. . . ."

A nearly exact reproduction of the postmark in question is reproduced herewith. As found on the original piece of mail it was in a purple color.

Dessie Bodamer
Decatur President

One of the hardest working and interested stamp collectors of the Decatur, Ill. Stamp Club, Dessie E. Bodamer, was elected to the presidency. Miss Bodamer is an avid topical enthusiast and has always been in the midst of club preparations for a show or other event.

Other officers are vice president Jesse Kimble; treasurer Robert Whitney; recording secretary Mrs. Hattie Moore and corresponding secretary Ted Traver.

New Castle, Pa. Club Elects New Officers

W. Stanley Treser was chosen by the members of the New Castle, Pa. Stamp Club as president for the new fiscal year. Louis V. Blanckine was elected vice president, and Clara E. McCandless, P.O. Box 777, New Castle, Pa., secretary.

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By CARL P. RUETH

There continues to be some agitation for more than the one 3c stamp to mark the 150th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase. Certainly, of the many events of the past few years, this is one which should have had three to four at least.

Nothing of more historical or national significance has been at hand for a bang-up commemorative set, even if you want to consider such tremendously important anniversaries as that of the Poultry Industry, the Newsboys, Battle of Brooklyn and Casey Jones.

It's a shame that the celebration comes when an inept and unimaginative postal administration, on its way to the ash can, produced the usual 3-center as a stop gap.

While it would be practically impossible for the new powers-that-be of the Post Office Department to add other denominations to the Louisiana Purchase stamp due April 30, it would not be impossible for them to issue additional stamps for such a series, say one each, in four other months this year.

And if this idea is adopted collectors and the general public are entitled to denominations of 1c, 2c, 5c and 10c, all values which have a large demand.

1. What were the denominations of the original Louisiana Purchase set issued April 30, 1904?

2. Can you name who or what was pictured on each stamp?

Frequently readers send me copies of the 2c carmine of 1890 on which they are certain they have made a discovery, and about which they want to know something. Such as "what is it," "where will I find information about it," and the old standby "what is it worth?"

Yes, they have made a discovery, it is a legitimate variety, it has been recorded for years in the Scott Catalog, and the catalog value is quite moderate.



The variety, a sketch of which is shown herewith (I'm also an artist of no mean talent! Tsk!), has been known from the days of its first recognition as the cap on the 2. Occurring on the left numeral it is called "Cap on Left Two," and when on both, "Cap on Both Twos."

Until recent times the catalogs also recorded a variety "Cap on Right Two." Those who do the researching on such matters came to the conclusion that this variety was not a plate fault, but more the result of improper inking of it.

The Left Two and Both Twos varieties are the result of a breakdown of the metal on the transfer roll (the transfer roll has one or more impressions of the original die around its circumference — the transfer roll is placed on a soft steel plate and the die impressions on its circumference "rocked" into the plate under great pressure — the plate when hardened prints the stamp).

The shape of the cap will vary, as will its size. Since the variety came with a gradual breaking down of this part of the design it can be seen that the tendency was to progressively worse.

It doesn't take a magnifying glass to see the cap deviations. They are one of the few notable varieties on United States stamps which can be studied by the naked eye.

The 1953 Scott U. S. Specialized values a mint copy of the Cap on

Left Two at \$2.00 and used 8c. The Cap on Both Twos mint is \$8.50, and used 35c.

Now and again at the larger exhibitions you will see a display of this variety which shows progressive stages of the transfer roll failure from the first faint traces to the worst stages.

Collectors used to fool around with that stamp on cold winter evenings and have lots of fun. Those were the days when new stamps were not produced around the world by the thousands each year. It was also the time when it was possible to buy these and other cheap U. S. used by the bales such as the 3c greens, the 1c ultramarines of the 1870-87 era, the 2c red brown of 1883, the 1c and 2c Columbians et al.

Many of such stamps could be purchased in bundles of a thousand for 20c to 50c mostly uncheckered for varieties. Now days such offerings of bundle stock are priced much higher when they are offered, and for the most part picked over material.

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Kenneth E. Crouch of the Bedford, Va. Democrat has thoughtfully sent his compilation of the surviving United Confederate Veterans, and Grand Army of the Republic members. There has been a commemorative stamp for each organization — which through their appearance and since, have kept collectors interested in news about these surviving soldiers of opposing sides in the Civil War.

Mr. Crouch gets his information right from headquarters, of which he is a staff member, over and above his newspaper editing.

In the UCV camp are William D. Townsend, Olla, La.; Thomas E. Riddle, Austin, Texas; Walter W. Williams, Franklin, Texas; John Salling, Fort Blackmore, Va.; and William A. Lundy, Laurel Hill, Fla.

A William W. Alexander of Charlotte, N. C. is tabbed as being dropped from the list because of a lack of proof that he served in the conflict.

Union men are Albert Woolson, Duluth, Minn.; and James A. Hard, Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. Crouch further advises that "All Union and Confederate veterans are honorary colonels in the Confederate Air Force of the Planet Earth, Inc., of Mississippi, honorary admirals in the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska, honorary members of the staff of Gov. Robert F. Kennon of Louisiana and honorary crew members of the destroyer tender USS Dixie. All Confederate veterans are honorary colonels in the Arizona Rangers and all Union veterans are honorary members of the Army and Navy Union, U. S. A."

Paul Pechstein of Seaside, Oregon sends a comment averted the hinging of stamps, a subject which was discussed here recently. I mentioned that stamps are hinged at two places, usually, at the top edge or near the center of the stamp. I prefer the center hinging.

Mr. Pechstein states that he hinges at the top so that he can write the purchase price and the firm from which he purchased beneath each stamp, on the hinge by lifting the stamp after mounting. Of course he uses a code for the space is quite small for extensive writing.

Many collectors do this same thing, especially with items which run into the backs. Some write directly on the album page, but you have to watch so that the notes do not extend from beneath the stamp and make a sloppy looking page.

I have a small loose-leaf book where I keep the same kind of a record but of the purchase price only — and the listings are by countries — and only entered when the stamp or set is added to the album.

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The writer just returned from a two week jaunt here in the north-mid-west area and was able to secure several sizeable accumulations and collections which ultimately will be made available to MSB subscribers. During the balance of 1953 both Lee Chadwick and yours truly will be making additional trips to secure further desirable material and between the two of us we will cover the entire area of the U. S. east of the Rockies.

Another by-product of the increasing prices reflected these days has been the appearance of new material not generally offered for sale in a poor market. We have handled more two-cent Red sheets in the past nine months than we have moved in the past two years. Even the relatively uncommon issues like 2c and 5c Hawaii, Norse issue, Victory and Walloon series have been making more frequent appearances in our bulletin board boxes.

You might say that by now the cat and dog issues of recent years have finally reached a point where they are not quite as repulsive as they once were. Not that there has been any tremendous appreciation in value, but it is possible that there will be less postage around for general discount as these issues become more attractive.

Finally, Famous are very strong at today's low levels. How much longer they will be available at current prices we don't know, but if the market continues strong for another year or so, today's figures will certainly be ancient history if history repeats itself.

—W.W. Scholl

Select Shenfield On Expert Committee

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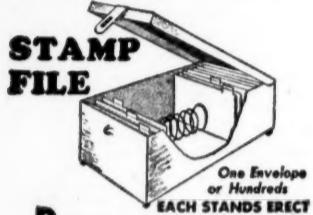
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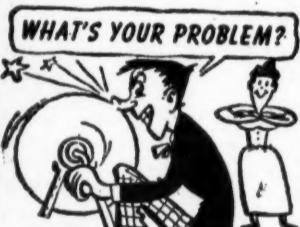
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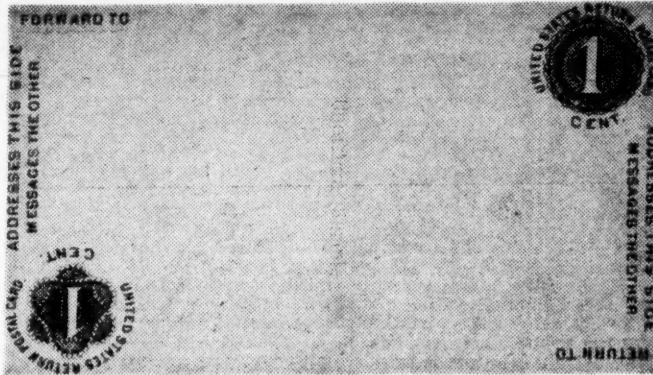
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2-Way Stamped Envelope, Postal Card Of The 1800's

J. F. McGEE

Roswell J. Parker, Clarks Summit, Pa., at my request, kindly sent the two items mentioned in the title to this article for my inspection. The only part of their history he knows is that he inherited them from his father who had been a railway postal clerk on a run in and out of Washington, D. C.

First I shall describe the two-way sample postal card, pictured above, which is printed in red on buff cardboard. It has two imprinted postage stamps on the front and each one is of a different design. The face of the card is divided into two equal parts, one half for the forwarding address and the other half for the return address.

The novel part of this arrangement is that when the section with the forwarding address and its stamp are in a normal position, the other and left half with the return address and its stamp is inverted. When the card is turned about so the bottom becomes the top, the half with the return address and stamp is in the normal position.

I presume that before the card is placed back in the mail to return to the sender, the half with the forwarding address is crossed out with pen and ink or pencil as void.

Obviously the idea of the two-way postal card originated before the introduction of the pair of double postal cards, the "Message" with attached "Paid Reply", which was in 1892. As a matter of fact, the two stamps of 3c value on the companion stamped envelope, fixed the date before 1883.

The inventor undoubtedly attempted to interest the government in his brain child or he would not have gone to the expense to have cuts of the stamps made and the sample cards printed.

I believe that even today the two-way postal cards would be preferred for many purposes over the double pair, the "Message" with the "Paid Reply". But I shall not go into those possibilities here except to state that although a two-way card would cost the same amount of postage, 4c, the cost of printing both sides of one card would be cheaper than the printing of two sides of two cards.

I would like to see the idea of a two-way postal card tried out in the form of private mailing post cards by business firms and research organizations to send out questionnaires. Naturally space would have to be reserved on the back for the answers or opinions, whichever was sought.

The front of the stamped envelope is similar to that of the postal card. The stamps are of the numeral type and are identical in design. They are circular with a large figure of a "3" in the center. Around the margins of the tops are inscribed, "United States Return Envelope" and beneath the word, "Cents". The paper of the envelope is of a bluish grey and the printing is in red.

The envelope is unusual in another respect. It can be returned intact to the sender if undeliverable, or it could be used to mail a reply. The flap on the back has two strips of gum. There is a row of perforations between them. For use the first time it is sealed by the gum of the lower strip. It can be opened at the perforations and then resealed by the gum of the upper strip, and without damage to the envelope. There are printed instructions on the flap.

I believe a two-way envelope of this type would be a good send to postmasters at the Christmas sea-

son, when their offices are becoming swamped with undeliverable greetings.

Strangely the majority of Christmas cards are mailed with 2c postage, and are not returned if unclaimed. If the two-way envelopes are permitted in the mail, the makers of greeting cards could supply them or rather would supply them for mailing.

The two-way postal card and the companion stamped envelope are philatelic museum pieces, in my opinion. Mr. Parker's wife is the only member of the family who collects stamps and she is not interested in postal stationery, and I gather from his letters that he would consider offers to purchase the two items.

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Later, he visited England once more and established friendly relations with Cromwell and Milton.

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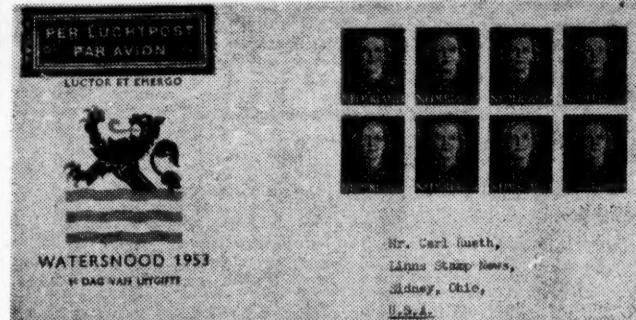
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SOMALILAND PROT. The 5R black stamp No. 95 exists imperforated vertically and Scott lists but does not price, horizontal pairs, imperforate between.

The Commonwealth Catalogue lists this pair without price. At a recent H. R. Harmer auction sale in London a horizontal strip of four, center pair imperforated between vertically sold for 130 Pounds which equals \$364.00.

BRITISH GUIANA. At the same auction sale, a mint vertical pair, imperforate between of the 1938 four cent stamp (No. 232) sold for 80 Pounds. (\$224.00)

BAHRAIN. At the same Harmer sale, a mint block of four of the 2½A on 2½d, double surcharge sold for 200 Pounds (\$560.00).

NEW ZEALAND. In the printing of the one penny Otago stamp No. 269, a lightening of pressure (through a fault in the make ready) resulted in a gradual disappearance, as printing proceeded, of the Maori's left hand and copies exist where the hand is completely missing.

CANADA. With the release on February 2 of the new Totem Pole \$1.00 stamp, it is probable that in this world of changing political and economic tides that some of the prices are off at the publishing date. In fact it is amazing how accurate the catalogue really has been, but at best we must use it as a guide to relative values.

Dealers have a tendency to feel that many of the prices given are too low while many collectors take the opposite view.

One category of dealers feels that the Scott catalogue is incomplete because it does not put the stamp of legitimacy on certain stamps of questionable authenticity by listing them.

During the past year one retail price list in comparing various catalogues stated in so many words that "the Scott Catalogue probably ranked fifth on an international basis." About the only good word this editor had was that the illustrations were good.

By using the word "probable" as he did the writer of the article indicated that he did not have the circulation figures, at least not the complete ones, of the catalogues in the comparison. Therefore he was merely rendering a personal opinion and not stating a fact as an unsuspecting reader might believe.

He may have been wrong in his opinion for publishers guard their circulation figures jealously. Regardless of how the Scott Catalogue ranks on an international basis we here in America know that it rates first in this country. Likewise it is true that the foreign catalogues are most popular in the country that uses the language in which the catalogue is written.

Dealers quote various discounts in their advertisements ranging from full catalogue to ninety percent discount. These discounts are not due to an inaccurate catalogue but rather the amount of profit a dealer is taking or perhaps it is a question of condition for the quotations in the Scott Catalogue are for stamps in fine condition unless otherwise stated.

My advice to the collector in regard to prices is to buy from reputable dealers who sell their stamps at a reasonable markup of their cost, but that is another story.

Collectors how well do you use the catalogue? How do you pronounce Curacao, Cameroons or Suriname? Where is Zanzibar? Define such terms as separation, tete beche and surcharge. Are you sure you are correct? You will find the right answer in The Scott Catalogue.

Imagine trying to collect stamps without the catalogue—just for a moment, no longer. Philately would be like a ship without a rudder. Imagine it as just a listing without prices as some critics advocate. With no relative values to refer to the gyp artists would have a field day and our wonderful hobby would be ruined.

So many of us fail to realize that publishing the catalogue just like selling stamps is a business venture. The publishers realize it and that is why they are constantly trying to improve the book for their success depends on its acceptance by collectors. It is indeed fortunate that Scott Publications, Inc. have such a fine editor as Gordon R. Harmer.

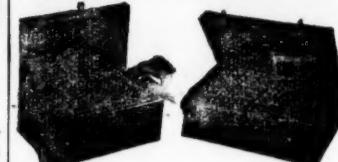
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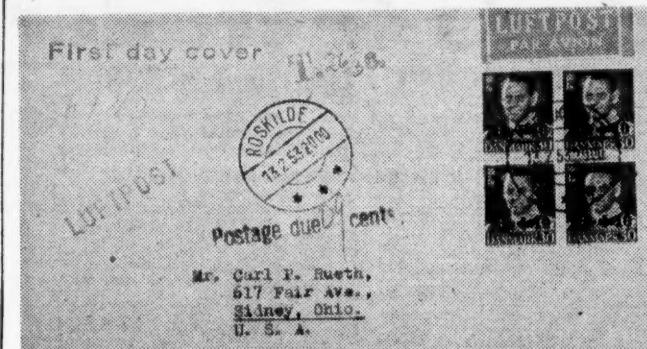
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CANADA—The 2, 3, and 4 cent Wildlife stamps will be placed on sale April 1, according to the Post Office Department, coinciding as nearly as possible with National Wildlife Week. The 2c will feature a polar bear; the 3c a moose and the 4c a Bighorn sheep.

CAYMAN ISLANDS—March 2 was set for the release of the new 4 pence pictorial added to the present set, according to the Washington Press. The stamp will show the South Sound Lighthouse and a portrait of the new Queen.

CEYLON—Special 5 cent stamps have been ordered from Bradbury Wilkinson and Company, Ltd., for the Coronation. The design will feature a portrait of the Queen, not the same as in the general Coronation set and the inscription "Coronation, 2nd. June, 1953".

DENMARK—On March 26, a special 30 ore red stamp with surtax of 5 ore is to be issued for the benefit of the Danish Border Union. The stamp reproduces the Towering Memorial Stone on Skamlingsbanken and was designed by Viggo Bang.

ITALY—According to Pierson Ostrow, one stamp will appear this year honoring Antonella da Messina, painter; another will mark the 1953 Agricultural Exposition, and a third will honor the 5th Anniversary of the Atlantic Pact. The "Tourist" set is still in the offing.

JAPAN—There will be four "Sightseeing and Tourist" issues; Kintaibashi Bridge (May), Shikotsu-Toya National Park (Oct.), New 2, 5, 10, 20, 100 and 500 Yen postage stamps are to be produced, plus postal stationery, cards for summer and New Year's greetings.

NETHERLANDS—A special flood semipostal surcharge produced in only five days has been reported by the Wesley Associates. The current 10c Juliana stamp has been surcharged "10c plus 10 - Watersnood" and went on sale suddenly February 10.

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A Spanish semipostal shows St. George slaying the dragon.

Semipostal For Cultural Work

Denmark will issue a single semipostal stamp on March 26 to raise funds for the cultural work of the Danish Border Union. In a red color the denomination will be 30 plus 5 ore.



The design is striking in its simplicity it showing a reproduction of the memorial stone on Skamlingsbanken.

Viggo Bang conceived the design while the engraving is the work of Bent Jacobsen.

There are to be fifty stamps to the sheet perforated 12 3/4.

First day cover service will be given to collectors. Envelopes with the name and address and containing a stuffer are to be sent to the Postvæsenets Salgskontor for Frimaerkesamle, Bernstorffsgade 32, 1, Copenhagen, Denmark along with sufficient payment to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed for first class postage to the United States.

Mint stamps of this and other issues can be purchased at face plus return postage from this same philatelic agency of the postal administration.

According to Eric Wowern of Copenhagen, Denmark the obelisk pictured in the stamp design is located on a small hill in the southern part of Jutland. It was erected in 1863, the year prior to the taking over of the territory by the Germans.

In 1920, the land was returned to Denmark, and this monument has since been a symbol of the Danish national work in the former German part of Jutland.

Special Features Luxemburg Philately

A handsomely printed and fully illustrated volume concerning the history of the post office and philately in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg was recently issued. The Christmas 1952 number of the literary journal, Les Cahiers Luxembourgeois, carries the title Le Cahier Postal, and is an outstanding contribution to philatelic literature.

Written mostly in French, but with a few German articles, the book contains numerous interesting and scholarly accounts of both pre- and post-philatelic activities throughout the Grand Duchy. All fields are represented, the relay, the postal department, illegal letter opening, Luxembourg's first stamps, postal stationery, etc., etc., and readers with a knowledge of either of the two languages will find it a worth-while addition to their reference shelves. The featured article concerns the evolution of the European postal system by Eugene Vaille, curator of the French Postal Museum. This is a subject of interest to all collectors.

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